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REMARKS

A new abstract has been provided.

Claim 34 has been amended to make it clear from the claim language that the thrombotic disorder being treated is one responsive to a factor Xa inhibitor.

OBJECTIONS TO THE ABSTRACT

The Examiner has objected to the abstract. A new abstract has been provided.

CLAIM REJECTIONS - 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner has rejected Claim 36 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph as allegedly failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The Examiner has noted that the present specification discloses that the compounds of Claim 34 are factor Xa inhibitors having value as anticoagulant agents in the treatment of thrombotic disorders. However, the Examiner considers that Claim 36 reads on the use of the compounds of Claim 34 to treat the disorder Hemophilia, in which the clotting of blood is impaired resulting in excessive bleeding.

It is respectfully submitted that Claim 36 as amended complies with 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

It has been noticed that the publication dates provided to the Examiner for references B5 and B6 on PTO Form PTO/SB/08A were incorrect. They were published on the same

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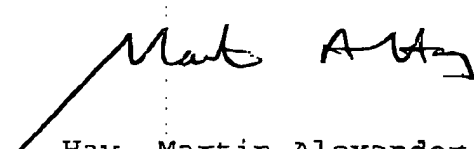
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date as reference B4, from which the present application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119. For completeness, a corrected page 1 of the PTO Form PTO/SB/08A is attached.

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